

18th CENTURY OCTAGONAL OUTBUILDING
Still Pond, Maryland
(late 18th century)

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

18th CENTURY OCTAGONAL OUTBUILDING

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Bloomingneck Farm near the main house

1st

CITY, TOWN

Still Pond

XX VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Harris

Telephone #: 301-778-4449

STREET & NUMBER

Bloomingneck Farm

CITY, TOWN

Still Pond

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21667

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Court House

Wills Liber #: EE 1

Folio #: 526

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>1970</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In 1970 a small wooden structure was moved from Perry Hall in Talbot County to the tree-shaded lawn of the main house on Bloomingneck Farm. The little outbuilding, probably originally used as a dairy, is octagonal in shape and measures about 5'6" on each side. It is covered with 6½" beaded weatherboards that are finished against very narrow corner boards. The light-sided hipped roof is covered with black asphalt shingles and finished with a plain, unmolded box cornice.

Window and door openings are located in alternate bays. The doorway now faces east and has a round arched, louvered transom similiar to the windows. The double louvered doors hung in a plain frame with an inside bead. The windows have round arched heads and are filled with horizontal wooden louvers. The trim is made up of two parts, essentially one narrow beaded casing set inside another. Each measures 1½" to 2" wide. The innermost has a 5/8" inside bead. The trim has a wooden "key stone" at the top. The sill is very narrow, pitched toward the outside and rounded.

The other walls have panels of vertical wooden louvers just below the cornice. These measure about 14" high and 5½' wide.

The interior was originally plastered and had a brick floor laid in sand. As shown in the drawing there were a trough and shelves running along the exterior walls. Now some of the timber framing is exposed; the ceiling is framed with joists that meet at the center of the room. The floor is bricks laid in sand but without the trough.

The building is painted white with dark green window louvers and door.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES late 18th century

BUILDER/ARCHITECT William Perry

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Forman, Henry Chandler. Tidewater Maryland Architecture and Gardens, (New York: Architectural Book Publishing Co., Inc. 1956.)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

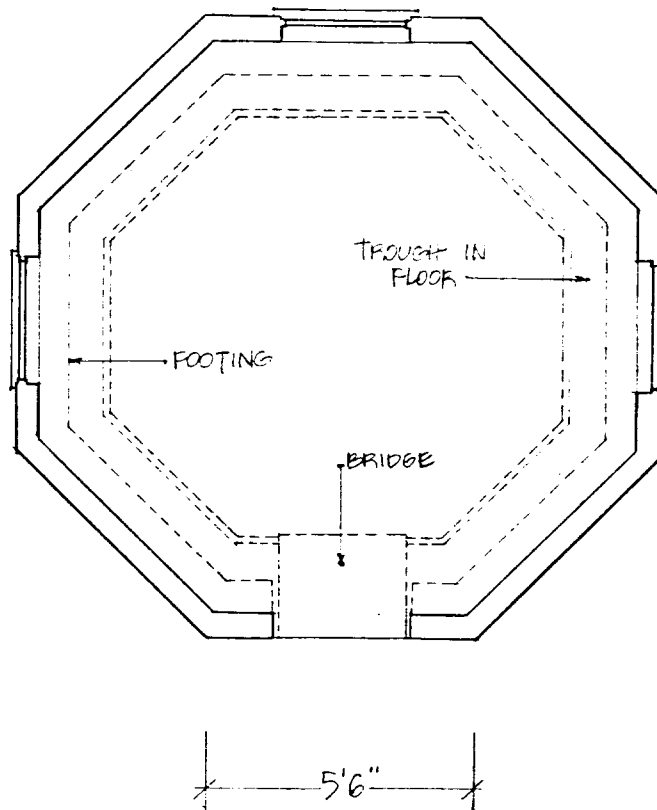
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

According to Henry Chandler Forman in his book, Tidewater Maryland Architecture and Gardens (1956,) the Perry Hall dairy once stood at the head of the formal gardens laid out about 1820-22 by Kerchwal, an English landscape designer, for Maria Perry Rogers (Mrs. John Rogers.)

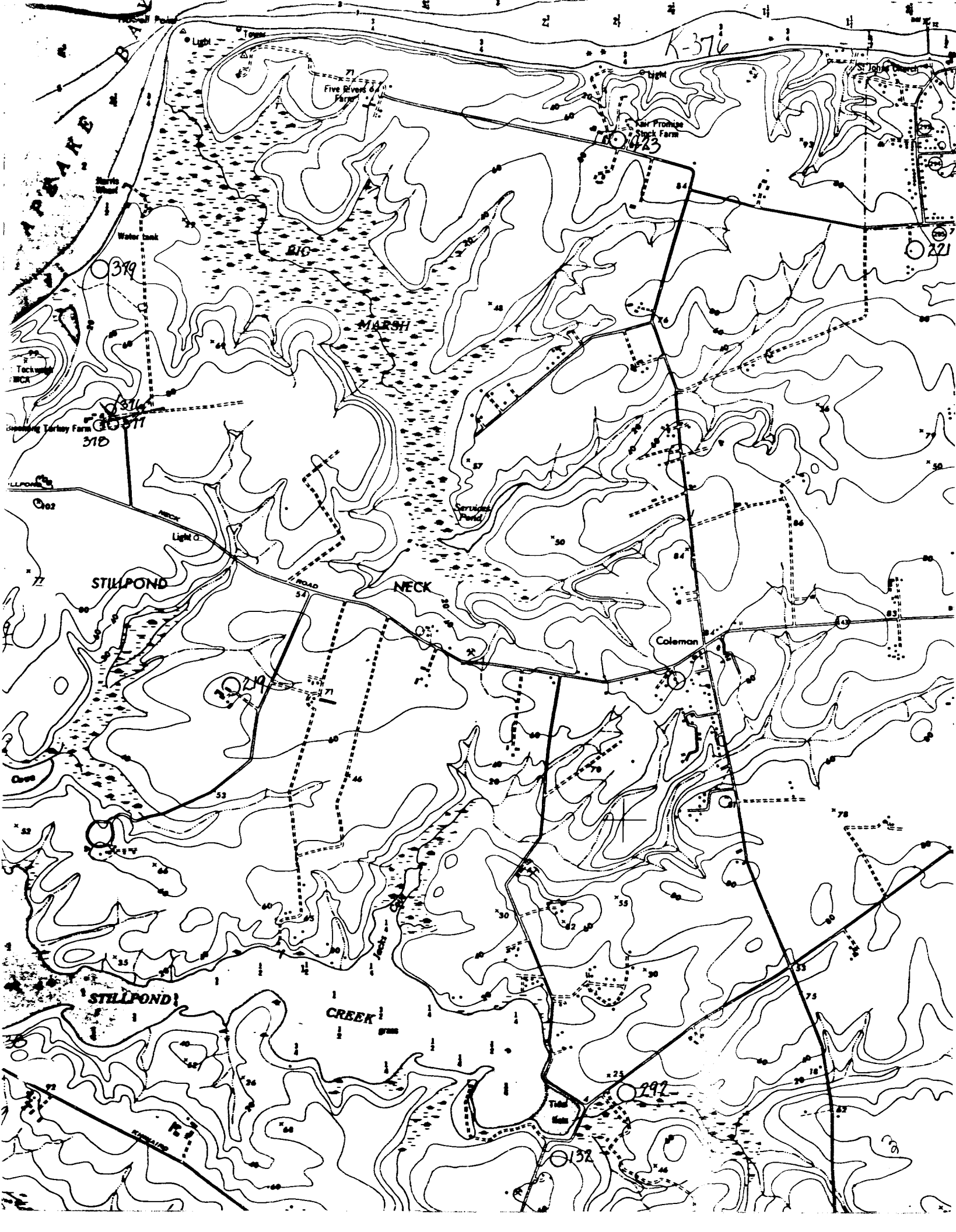
The garden was made up of boxwood rectangles bordering a central path; quite large, the garden once measured about 390' wide and 250' deep. The main house built at Perry Hall in the early 19th century was a large brick structure which replaced an 18th century dwelling that had burned. The Dairy, Dr. Forman believes, was erected to complement the earlier house.

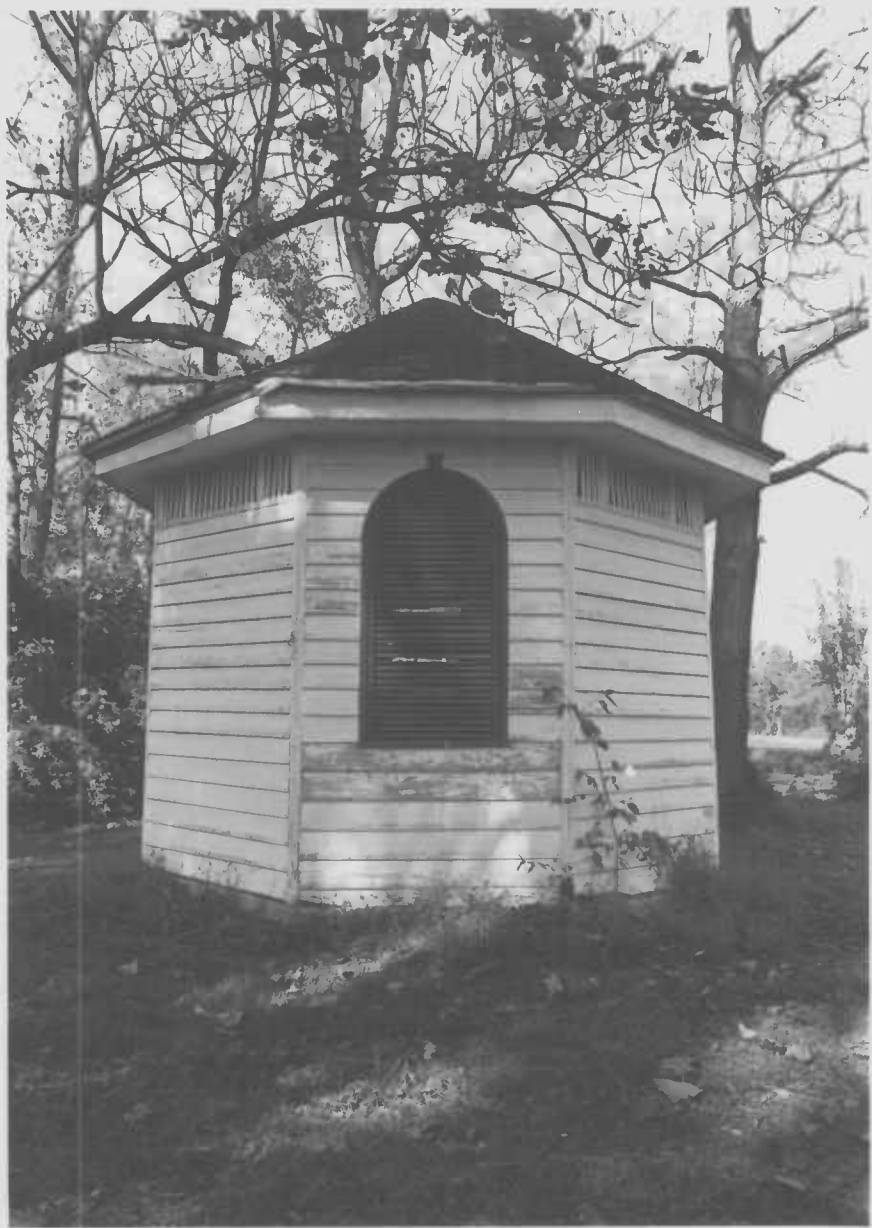
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ORIGINAL INTERIOR DETAILS AFTER
H.C. FORMAN,
TIDEWATER MARYLAND ARCHITECTURE AND GARDENS.

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SCALE: 1/4" = 1'





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"18th Century" Octagonal
Outbuilding

Rear of building
still Pond (moved)

Kent County 1970)

M. L. Fritz

7/1980

J. Taylor Campbell
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